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**TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600**

In re application of	:	<b>DECISION ON PETITION</b>
David Bogart Dort	:	<b>TO MAKE SPECIAL</b>
Application No. 10/786,177	:	<b>(ACCELERATED</b>
Filed: February 23, 2004	:	<b>EXAMINATION)</b>
For: TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR VEHICLE		
SPACING TO DISSIPATE TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK		

This is in response to the renewed petition filed on January 22, 2005 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

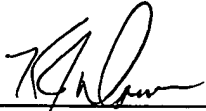
The petition fails to adequately meet requirement (B) above. In this regard, item (B) is not met because the petition fails to include an election without traverse, or a statement that applicant is willing to elect without traverse should a restriction or election be required. While applicant does set forth that he is willing to elect a single invention in the renewed petition. The requirement set forth in condition (B) above clearly states that such election must be made without traverse.

For the above stated reason, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner is given one more opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.



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